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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of
Gorski, et al.

Serial No.: 09/940,673

Filed: August 27, 2001

For: **GROWTH ARREST HOMEBOX
GENE**

Examiner: Kerr, Kathleen M.

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The following is in response to the restriction requirement mailed October 1, 2002. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the telephone interview of March 3, 2002 and her suggestions regarding the claims that had been canceled from this application. As a result of such telephone interview, applicants are adding back claims that had been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the present application. Accordingly, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following claims:

41. (New) An isolated mammalian Gax protein which inhibits vascular smooth muscle cell proliferation, said Gax protein having a molecular weight of 30 to 36 kDa and comprising a homeodomain, wherein the amino acid sequence of said homeodomain comprises amino acid